

cooling a solution comprising the high molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan and the low molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan to gel the solution, wherein

the low molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan has a degree of polymerization of greater than or equal to 180 and less than 620, and has a molecular weight distribution of not greater than 1.25 and,

the high molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan has a degree of polymerization of greater than or equal to 620 and less than 37000, and has a molecular weight distribution of not greater than 1.25.

15. (Currently amended) The process for preparing a molded article according to claim 13,

wherein the process further comprises the step of:

neutralizing an alkaline solution comprising the high molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan and the low molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan to gel the solution, wherein

the low molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan has a degree of polymerization of greater than or equal to 180 and less than 620, and has a molecular weight distribution of not greater than 1.25 and,

the high molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan has a degree of polymerization of greater than or equal to 620 and less than 37000, and has a molecular weight distribution of not greater than 1.25.

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Replace ABSTRACT with the following:

The present application discloses a molded article, and a process for preparing a molded article consisting essentially of (i) high molecular weight linear α -1,4-glucan